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The Scarecrow

Long long ago, there was an old, shabby scarecrow in a beautiful farm land. The weather is always warm and sunny. He worked pretty hard, and he liked his job—keeping away rodents and birds from the beautiful and fertile ground. He really did a good job because the rodents and birds were afraid of him. However, he was getting too old and too tattered.

One day, the farmer thought the old scarecrow was too ugly and old, so he wanted to buy a new and more beautiful scarecrow in order to substitute it for the ugly scarecrow. The old scarecrow was sad; his ugly and tattered external look came from daily working!

A few days later, the owner bought a new and more beautiful scarecrow in a drug-store near the beautiful farm.

After a week, unluckily, the farmer really regretted his decision. He picked up the older ugly scarecrow from a hill of garbage as quickly as he could. Then, he said: “I am very sorry, my hard-working and loyal scarecrow. I did not realize how important you were. Please forgive my terrible and stupid mistake!” The ugly scarecrow was very happy, and he said: “It’s OK. I already forgave you, my master.” He was very happy because he knew his unique and significant value.

From this story, we can understand that external looks are not always the most important thing. Everyone should find their real value.